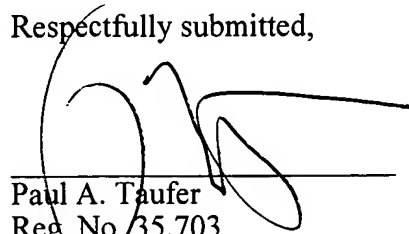


Remarks

Claims 1-20, 22-25, 28-42, 44-47, and 50-53 are currently pending in the present application. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that Claims 18, 20, 37-39, 44-47, and 51-53 contain allowable subject matter. Independent Claims 1 and 28 have been amended to include allowable subject matter. Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable features of Claims 16-18, and Claim 28 has been amended to include allowable features of Claim 37. In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1 and 28, and dependent Claims 2-15, 19, 20, 29-36, and 38-42, are now in condition for allowance. New Claims 54-56 have been added, also containing subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Specifically, Claims 54-56 contain subject matter of Claim 1, together with allowable features of Claims 16-18. The Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 54-56 are also in condition for allowance. Claims 16-18, 22-25, 37, and 50 have been cancelled. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced herein.

In view of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request an indication reflecting the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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